



The Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 5650
Friends of John McCain and Thomas R. Holtrup,
in his official capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Potter:

On March 14, 2005, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On February 24, 2006, based on the information contained in the complaint and information provided by your clients, the Commission decided to dismiss the complaint and close its file in this matter.

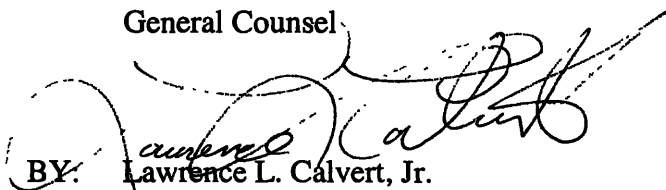
Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Heilizer, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1598.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

BY:


Lawrence L. Calvert, Jr.
Deputy Associate General Counsel
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Enclosure: General Counsel's Report

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